

Amendments to the Claims

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 3 + wherein the at least one user input device comprises a card reader device in operative connection with the at least one computer processor, wherein the card reader device is operative to read account data indicia from a card, and wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause an account corresponding to read account data to be charged one or more fees ~~to be charged to the account~~ corresponding to ~~the a~~ dispense of currency and ~~the a~~ dispense of the at least one digital ~~information~~ sound recording file.

3. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 1,~~

An automated transaction machine apparatus comprising:

at least one computer processor;

at least one data store in operative connection with the at least one computer processor, wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause a plurality of digital information files to be retrieved from at least one digital information source located remotely from the machine and saved in the data store;

at least one user input device in operative connection with the at least one computer processor, wherein the at least one user input device is operative to receive user input;

a cash dispenser device in operative connection with the at least one computer processor, wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause the cash dispenser to dispense currency responsive to at least one first user input through the at least one user input device; and

at least one output device in operative connection with the at least one computer processor, wherein the at least one output device is connectable to a portable computing device, wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause dispense of at least one digital sound recording file of the digital information files through the at least one output device responsive to at least one second user input through the at least one user input device that corresponds to wherein the at least one digital information file includes a digital sound recording file, and wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause dispense of the same digital sound recording file to plural users.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the at least one digital information sound recording file includes an MP3 file.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the at least one output device includes a sound system, and wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause the output of sound through the sound system responsive to the at least one digital ~~information~~ sound recording file.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 3 ~~+~~, wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause a licensing fee associated with the at least one digital ~~information~~ sound recording file, to be transferred to a licensing entity.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 ~~7~~ wherein the at least one output device is releasibly operatively connectable to a portable computing device.

9. (original) The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the at least one output device comprises a communications port releasibly operatively connectable to a portable computing device adjacent the machine.

10. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the digital content~~ comprises

Apparatus comprising:

an automated transaction machine including:

at least one input device;

a cash dispenser, wherein the cash dispenser is operative to deliver cash from the machine responsive to at least one input to the at least one input device;

at least one output device, wherein the at least one output device is connectable to a portable computing device, wherein the at least one output device is operative to cause delivery of digital content including at least one digital sound recording file responsive to at least one digital content delivery fee authorization input to the at least one input device, and wherein the at least one output device is operative to cause delivery of the same digital content to different entities.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the at least one digital sound recording file comprises a digital music recording file.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 9 wherein the ~~digital content~~ at least one digital sound recording file comprises at least one audiovisual file.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 ⁷ wherein the at least one input device is adapted to receive at least one input corresponding to an account, and wherein the machine further includes:

at least one processor, wherein the processor is in operative connection with the at least one input device, the cash dispenser, and the at least one output device, and wherein the processor is operative to cause the account to be charged for at least one of delivered cash and digital content.

14. (original) The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the at least one input device includes a card reader, and wherein the input corresponding to an account is produced responsive to at least one card read by the card reader.

15. (original) The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the processor is operative to cause content indicia corresponding to a plurality of portions of the digital content to be output through the at least one output device, and wherein the processor is operative to cause a selected portion of the digital content to be delivered responsive to at least one selection input corresponding to the selected portion, through the at least one input device.

16. (original) The apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the machine includes a display device and the content indicia is output through the display device.

17. (original) The apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the content indicia includes a graphic image corresponding to at least one of the portions of the digital content.

18. (original) The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the apparatus comprises at least one content data store, wherein the digital content is delivered from the content data store.

19. (original) The apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the content data store comprises a local content data store located in the machine.

20. (original) The apparatus according to claim 18 and further comprising:

at least one network in operative connection with the machine; and

at least one remote computer in operative connection with the network, wherein
the content data store is in the at least one remote computer.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 20 and further comprising:

at least one financial transaction computer in operative connection with the at
least one network, wherein the at least one processor is operative to cause the
account to be charged through communication with the at least one financial
transaction computer through the at least one network.

22. (original) The apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the at least one input device on the machine is operative to receive a network delivery address, and further comprising:

at least one network in operative connection with the machine, wherein the processor is operative to cause the digital content to be delivered through the at least one network to the network delivery address, whereby a remote computer corresponding to the network delivery address is enabled to receive the digital content.

23. (original) The apparatus according to claim 19 and further comprising:

at least one network in operative connection with the machine; and

at least one remote computer in operative connection with the network, wherein the at least one remote computer includes at least one remote content data store.

24. (original) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the machine is operative to selectively deliver digital content from either the local content data store or the remote content data store responsive to at least one input to the at least one input device.

25. (original) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the processor is operative to cause digital content in the remote content data store to be stored in the local content data store.

26. (original) The apparatus according to claim 25 wherein the processor is operative on a periodic basis to cause selected digital content in the remote content data store to be stored in the local data store.

27. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein the selected digital content comprises at least one digital sound recording file corresponding to at least one currently ~~popular~~ top 100 song.

28. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein the selected digital content comprises at least one digital sound recording file corresponding to at least one currently ~~popular~~ best-selling book.

29. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein the selected digital content comprises at least one audiovisual file corresponding to at least one ~~currently popular~~ movie.

30. (original) The apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the selected digital content includes at least one graphic image corresponding to the at least one song.

31. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 13 and further comprising:

at least one network in operative connection with the machine,

at least one financial transaction computer in operative connection with the at least one network, wherein the at least one processor is operative to cause the account to be charged responsive to communication through the at least one network with the at least one financial transaction computer.

32. (original) The apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the at least one financial transaction computer includes a source account associated with a source of the digital content, and wherein the source account is credited responsive to delivery of the digital content.

33. (original) The apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the at least one financial transaction computer includes a licensing account associated with a licensing entity for the digital content, and wherein the licensing account is credited responsive to the delivery of the digital content.

34. (original) The apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the account is associated with a user of the machine, and wherein the at least one financial transaction computer includes the account, and wherein the account is debited responsive to either delivery of cash or delivery of digital content.

35. (original) The apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the at least one financial transaction computer holds a content prepay account for delivery of digital content, and wherein the processor is operative responsive to at least one input to at least one input device to cause funds to be transferred from the account to the content prepay account, and wherein the processor is

operative to cause the content prepay account to be debited responsive to the delivery of the digital content.

36. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 ~~31~~ wherein the output device includes a reproduction device operative to reproduce the digital content ~~on a portable storage medium.~~

37. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 36 wherein the reproduction device is operative to cause the digital content to be reproduced in a the portable computing device ~~releasibly operatively connectable with the machine.~~

38. (original) The apparatus according to claim 37 wherein the digital content is reproduced in the portable computing device such that it can only be played in the portable computing device.

39. (original) The apparatus according to claim 37 wherein the digital content is reproduced in the portable computing device such that it cannot be further transferred in digital form from the portable computing device.

40. (original) The apparatus according to claim 37 wherein the digital content is reproduced in the portable computing device such that it can only be played a limited number of times.

41. (original) The apparatus according to claim 37 wherein the digital content is reproduced in

the portable computing device such that it can only be played during a limited time period.

42. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 36 wherein ~~the machine includes a supply of portable media, and~~ the reproduction device is operative to reproduce the digital content on a the portable storage medium ~~media from the supply~~.

43. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 37 ~~8~~ wherein the digital content is reproduced in the portable computing device such that reproduction of the digital content is restricted.

44. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 ~~7~~ wherein ~~the machine further comprises a supply of portable storage media, and~~ wherein the digital content is delivered by being reproduced in the portable computing device ~~on portable storage media from the supply~~.

45. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the at least one output device includes a sound system, and wherein the sound system is operative to output the digital content as audio output ~~is delivered through audio outputs through the sound system~~.

46. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 ~~7~~ wherein the at least one output device includes a sound system, and wherein the sound system is operative to output the digital content as audio output ~~is delivered through audio outputs through the sound system~~.

47. (currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim according to~~ claim 31 wherein the at least one output device includes an audiovisual output device, and wherein the audiovisual output device is operative to output the digital content ~~is delivered~~ as audiovisual output ~~outputs~~ through the audiovisual output device.

48. (currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim according to~~ claim 10 7 wherein the at least one output device includes an audiovisual output device, and wherein the audiovisual output device is operative to output the digital content ~~is delivered~~ as audiovisual output ~~outputs~~ through the audiovisual output device.

49. (currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim according to~~ claim 85 31 wherein the controller is operative to cause the at least one output device to wirelessly communicate a selected digital file to a customer-supplied portable computing device ~~at least one output device~~ includes a printer device, and wherein the digital content is delivered by printing the digital content with the printer device.

50. (currently amended) The method ~~apparatus~~ according to ~~claim according to~~ claim 86 7 wherein step (d) includes wirelessly communicating at least one digital file from the ATM to a customer-supplied portable computing device ~~the at least one output device includes a printer device, and wherein the digital content is delivered by printing the digital content with the printer device.~~

51. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 46 wherein the machine is located in an establishment, and wherein ~~the~~ an account charged for the ~~delivered digital content~~ audio output is an account of an operator of the establishment.

52. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein the machine is located in an establishment, and wherein ~~the~~ an account charged for the ~~delivered digital content~~ audiovisual output is an account of an operator of the establishment.

53. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 10 ~~7~~ wherein the automated transaction machine further comprises:

a currency acceptor, wherein the machine is further operative to deliver the digital content responsive to deposit of cash into the currency acceptor.

54. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 3 ~~47~~ ~~wherein the automated transaction machine further comprises:~~ and further comprising a currency acceptor, wherein the machine at least one computer processor is further operative to cause the dispense of the at least one digital sound recording file ~~deliver digital content~~ responsive to deposit of ~~cash~~ currency into the currency acceptor.

55. (canceled)

56. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~ 55 and further comprising:

- (d) charging an amount for the ~~dispense~~ delivery of cash or digital content; to an account associated with the at least one account identifying input.

57. (currently amended) The method according to claim 56 wherein step (a) comprises reading ~~the~~ account identifying indicia from a card with a card reader ~~on~~ of the machine, and wherein step (d) comprises communicating with a financial transaction computer remotely located from the machine.

58. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method ~~according to claim 55 wherein step (c)~~ comprising:

- (a) receiving at least one account identifying input at at least one input device of an automated transaction machine including:

a cash dispenser, wherein the cash dispenser is operative to deliver cash from the machine responsive to at least one input to the at least one input device;

at least one output device, wherein the at least one output device is operative to cause the delivery of digital content responsive to at least one digital content delivery fee authorization input to the at least one input

device, and wherein the at least one output device is operative to cause delivery of the same digital content to different entities;

- (b) receiving at least one delivery input at the at least one input device; and
- (c) delivering either cash from the machine or digital content responsive to receiving the at least one delivery input in step (b), wherein digital content delivery includes recording with a portable computing device the dispensed digital content with a portable computing device comprising at least one file from a group including a sound file, a music file, a document file, an image file, and an audiovisual file.

59. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 wherein step (c) includes placing the portable computing device in releasible operative connection with ~~an~~ the at least one output device ~~on the machine.~~

60. (original) The method according to claim 58 wherein in step (c) the recording is conducted such that reproduction from the portable computing device is restricted.

61. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~ 55 wherein the digital content delivery includes recording ~~comprises~~ a sound file with the portable computing device.

62. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~ 61 wherein the digital content

delivery includes recording ~~comprises~~ a music file with the portable computing device.

63. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 61 wherein the digital content delivery includes recording ~~comprises~~ a document file with the portable computing device.

64. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 61 wherein the digital content delivery includes recording ~~comprises~~ an image file with the portable computing device.

65. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 wherein the digital content delivery includes recording ~~comprises~~ an audiovisual file with the portable computing device.

66. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 wherein in step (c) ~~the dispense of digital content~~ comprises sending the digital content through at least one network to a network delivery address.

67. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 and further comprising:

- (d) crediting a source account associated with a source of the digital content responsive to ~~the dispense~~ delivery of digital content in step (c).

68. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 and further comprising:

- (d) crediting a licensing account associated with a licensing entity of the digital content responsive to ~~the dispense~~ delivery of digital content in step (c).

69. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 and further comprising:

- (d) debiting an amount from an account associated with the account identifying input; ~~and~~
- (e) crediting the amount to a prepay account; and
- (f) debiting the prepay account responsive to ~~the dispense~~ delivery of digital content in step (c).

70. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 wherein in step (c) the ~~dispense of~~ digital content delivery includes delivering sounds through a sound system.

71. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 wherein in step (c) the ~~dispensing of~~ digital content delivery includes delivering audiovisual material through an audiovisual system.

72. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 55 wherein in step (c) ~~the dispense of~~

~~digital content~~ includes delivering digital content comprising digital sound ~~printing digital content with a printer.~~

73. (currently amended) The method according to claim 70 wherein the machine is located in an establishment, and further comprising:

- (d) charging an account associated with the establishment responsive to the ~~dispense of~~ digital content delivery.

74. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 ~~55~~ and further comprising:

- (d) reproducing in a local content data store in the machine, digital content from at least one remote content data store accessed through at least one network by the machine.

75. (currently amended) The method according to claim 74 wherein in step (c) the digital content is delivered from ~~form~~ the local content data store.

76. (original) The method according to claim 74 wherein in step (c) the digital content is delivered from either the local content data store or the remote content data store.

77. (currently amended) The method according to claim 58 ~~55~~ wherein in step (a) the account

identifying input comprises a biometric input from a user of the machine.

78. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~86~~ 55 wherein the customer account comprises a customer bank account, wherein step (c) includes receiving authorization to use the customer bank account ~~comprises reproducing the digital content on a portable media~~.

79. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~ 78 wherein step (c) includes reproducing the digital content on a ~~wherein in step (c) the portable storage medium supplied by media is from a supply of portable media in the machine~~.

80. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~ 55 wherein step (c) includes reproducing the digital content on a ~~wherein in step (c) the portable storage medium media is supplied by a user of the machine~~.

81. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~ 55 and further comprising:

(d) receiving currency with a currency acceptor ~~of~~ on the machine; and

~~(e)~~ dispensing wherein step (c) includes delivering the digital content responsive to the receipt of currency in step (d).

82. (currently amended) Computer readable media including computer executable instructions

operative to cause at least one computer processor in ~~the~~ an automated transaction machine to carry out the method steps ~~step (c)~~ recited in claim ~~58 55~~, ~~responsive to performance of steps (a) and (b).~~

83. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein the at least one computer processor is operative to cause a charge of at least one fee associated with ~~the~~ a dispense of at least one digital ~~information~~ sound recording file.

84. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~10~~ 7 wherein the machine is operative to cause a charge of at least one fee associated with the delivery of digital content.

85. (currently amended) Apparatus comprising:

an automated teller machine (ATM) ~~including: transaction machine,~~

a cash dispenser operative to dispense cash,

a data store comprising digital files including digital sound,

~~wherein the machine includes~~ at least one input device,

wherein the at least one input device is operative to receive

customer input corresponding to a customer bank account,

~~wherein the at least one input device is operative to receive
machine user input corresponding to a currency dispense;~~

wherein the at least one input device is operative to receive
customer input corresponding to a cash withdrawal request
linked to the customer bank account,

~~wherein the at least one input device is operative to receive
machine user input corresponding to selection of a digital
file that is selectable to plural machine users;~~

wherein the at least one input device is operative to receive
customer input corresponding to a digital file request linked
to the customer bank account,

wherein the digital file request includes customer
selection of at least one data store digital file
including digital sound,

at least one output device,

wherein the at least one output device includes a digital file reproduction device,

wherein the reproduction device is operative to reproduce a selected data store digital file to a customer-supplied portable device,

a controller in operative connection with the cash dispenser, the data store, the at least one input device, and the at least one output device,

wherein the controller is operative to cause cash to be dispensed responsive to a cash withdrawal request,

wherein the controller is operative to cause at least one selected data store digital file to be reproduced to a customer-supplied portable device responsive to a digital file request,

wherein the controller is operative to assess both a cash withdrawal request and a digital file request to a same customer bank account,

wherein the controller is operative to cause reproduction of at least one same data store digital file to different customers of the ATM

~~wherein the at least one input device is operative to receive
machine user input corresponding to a payment associated with
dispense of the selected digital file;~~

~~wherein the machine includes a currency dispenser device,~~

~~wherein the currency dispenser is operative to dispense currency;~~

~~wherein the machine includes a file dispenser device,~~

~~wherein the file dispenser device is operative to cause the dispense
of the selected digital file responsive to at least one machine user
input to the at least one input device.~~

86. (currently amended) A method comprising:

- (a) receiving, via at least one user input device of an automated teller machine (ATM) ~~transaction machine~~ having a currency dispenser, identifying data corresponding to a customer account, wherein the currency dispenser is operative to dispense currency responsive to receiving a cash withdrawal request linked to the customer account; ~~machine user input corresponding to selection of a digital file that is selectable to plural users of the machine;~~

- (b) receiving, via the at least one user input device, selection of at least one digital file including digital sound, wherein the at least one digital file is selectable to different users of the ATM; machine user input corresponding to a payment associated with dispense of the selected digital file;
- (c) receiving via the at least one user input device, authorization to use the customer account in payment of the at least one digital file selected in step (b), wherein the customer account is usable in carrying out both a cash withdrawal request and a selected digital file dispense; and
- (d) responsive to receiving authorization in step (c), dispensing the selected at least one digital file selected in step (b), wherein the dispensing includes reproducing to a customer-supplied portable device at least one selected digital file from a data store of the ATM responsive to at least one machine user input to the at least one input device.